(d) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting had not prepared any panel for promotion from Stenographer Grade 'D' to Grade 'C' in 1985. Therefore, the question of inclusion of 14 Grade 'D' Stenographers in the panel and their not having been promoted so far does not arise. According to Central Secretariat Stenographers Service Rules vacancy in the grade of Stenographer Grade 'C' are filled 50 per cent by direct recruitment through open competitive examinations conducted by the Union Public Service Commission, 25 per cent through the departmental competitive examination conducted by Staff Selection Commission and the remaining 25 per cent by promotion of Grade 'D' Stenographers of Central Secretariat Stenographers Service. Zones for promotion from Stenographer Grade 'D' to Grade 'C' are fixed by the Department of Personnel and Training every year.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) According to the Office Memo dated 23rd February, 1982, of the Department of Personnel and Training all eligible candidates upto 1974 Select List of Stenographers Grade 'D' were included in the zone for making temporary promotions from Grade 'D' to Grade 'C'. This zone has been extended from time to time and as per the recent instructions issued by the Department of Personnel and Training dated 16-7-1986 no change in the zone of promotion as fixed in 1982 has been made. All the Grade 'D' Stenographers of Central Secretariat Stenographers Service (CSSS) of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting who have so far been included in the zone of promotion have already been promoted as Stenographers Grade 'C' except those who were either not available (due to being on deputation) or who have not been found fit for promotion or against whom disciplinary proceedings are pending or contemplated.

Grade III officers of ISS

3035. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that after implementation of the recent judgement of Supreme Court regarding Indian Statistical Service (ISS), the number of ISS Officers in position in Grade-III of the service reported earlier in the Annual Reports, have undergone change since 1973-74; and

(b) if so, what are the revised figures for each of the following years:—

(i) the number holding purely cadre posts;

(ii) the number holding ex-cadre posts under the control of ISS controlling authority;

(iii) the number deputation, foreign assignment etc.; and

(iv) the number of holding supernumerary posts created under the court's direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) and (b) The Annual Report for 1973-74 gave only the authorised strength of Grade III of the Indian Statistical Service which was 77 at that time. The Annual Reports for some of the subsequent years however also reported the number of officers in position in Grade III of Indian Statistical Service, and for a couple of years, their distribution over Cadre posts, ex-cadre posts, deputation/foreign assignment posts. Thus, comparative year-wise figures from 1973-74 onwards, regarding the number of officers in position in Gr. III of the Indian Statistical Service, and their distribution over cadre posts, ex-cadre posts and deputation/foreign assignment posts, are not available.

The in-position strength in Grade III of the Indian Statistical Service has undergone changes from time to time since 1973-74 due to (1) changes in the authorised strength and (2) the time lag in filling vacancies in Grade III caused by retirements, resignations and promotions from Grade III of the service. The imple-

mentation of the recent Supreme Court Judgement has also changed the number of persons in position in Grade III of the Indian Statistical Service inasmuch as in addition to retainng the officers already promoted to Grade III of the service on the basis of selections held between 31-5-74 to 14-12-83, the officers holding ad-hoc appointments were (I) to be appointed on regular basis to Grade IV of the Indian Statistical Service, (II) then given seniority in Grade IV with effect from the date of their ad-hoc appointment and (III) then appointed to Grade III of the service with retrospective effect, if their seniority in Grade IV so assigned, warranted such appointment to Grade III. The implementation of this decision has given rise to a situation in which there are more officers in position in Grade III of the Service than the number of sanctioned cadre posts in this grade and available ex-cadre, deputation/foreign assignment posts can accommodate. This has necessitated creation of supernumerary posts.

The distribution of officers in position in Grade III of the Indian Statistical Service (as on 15th November, 1986) is as follows:—

(i) the number holding purely cadre posts—163

(ii) the number holding ex-cadre posts —26.

(iii) the number of officers on deputation, foreign assignment etc.,—25

(iv) the number holding supernumerary posts created under the Courts directions.—22

Rotational transfers of staff artists in Doordarshan

3036. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the policy of rotational transfers is not being introduced for staff artists in Doordarshan; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Transfers and postings of staff artists are made to meet specific service needs, requirements of Doordarshan Kendras, to accommodate requests of individuals in bonafide cases, all in public interest for administrative reasons. Rotational transfers are not made as a routine as a measure of economy and for the aforesaid purpose.

Typing test for recruitment of LDCs

3037. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether candidates were called for typing test and interview on the 16th September, 1986 by the Director Survey (AIR), vide his letter No. C2-9287/4-E-2-2 (Clerks) dated the 1st September, 1986 for recruitment to the post of LDC on ad hoc basis;

(b) whether some of the candidates who had crossed 25 years of age on the 16th September, 1986 were disqualified for appearing in the typing test and were asked to go back, if so, what are the reasons for issuing them call letters; and

(c) whether Government have received any representations in this regard, if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) No, Sir. There is no office/officer known as Director Survey (AIR) in the Directorate General, All India Radio.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Disposal of radioactive wastes

3038. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any study has so far been made by the Indian Scientists regarding the disposal of radioactive wastes; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the methods being adopted in other